

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Brain Epstein (Reg. No. 60,329) on April 24, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 10, "the reply data being in reply to an access" has been changed to -- the reply data being in reply to report data sent~~an access~~ --;

Claim 1, line 15, "generate report data" has been changed to -- generate the report data --; and

Claim 6, line 16, "the reply data is a reply to an access" has been changed to -- the reply data is a reply to the report data sent~~an access~~ --.

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 1-17, 19 and 20** are allowed. These claims are renumbered as 1-19.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record do not teach or suggest the claim limitation of "a firewall configured to control data transmission between the first computer network and the

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second computer network, the firewall configured to allow reply data sent by the managing apparatus in the second computer network, the reply data being in reply to report data sent to the managing apparatus” and “a transmitting unit configured to transmit the report data to the managing apparatus via the firewall using the at least one of the predetermined protocol having the immediacy when the generating unit generates the report data” wherein “the indication of the reception of the report data included in the reply data”.

The features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art of record.

The most relevant prior art lida (US 6,785,023) teaches the method of generating and transmitting an HTML file having the status update. However, lida does not disclose the managing apparatus for generating acknowledgement data including indication of a reception of the report data and transmitting the acknowledgment data as the reply data.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAN S. PARK whose telephone number is (571)272-7409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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